

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A rack for horizontally supporting and storing at least three bottles comprising:

a surface of the rack having an upper relief configuration which defines at least one set of three several sets of compartments ~~designed~~ configured to accept a bottle in each compartment, with each bottle laid out horizontally;

each compartment defining a wider area and an opposite narrower area, wherein each set of compartments is defined by

the two adjacent first compartments, which are equal in length, are parallel and substantially ~~running~~ run together with the same horizontal orientation of respective wider area and narrower area, the two first compartments being on ~~[[the]]~~ a same first plane, and

a second ~~third, additional~~; inverted compartment on an elevated second plane with regard which is elevated relative to the ~~aforementioned first~~ first plane ~~for the aforementioned two first compartments~~;

the third compartment being horizontally parallel to the first compartment, with the narrower area [[on]] of the third second, additional compartment being enclosed positioned between the corresponding narrower areas [[on]] of the aforementioned two first [[two]] compartments and substantially in contact with the wider area on the same of the two first compartments and the wider area of the third compartment extending horizontally away from the first compartment.

2. (Currently Amended) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to claim 1, wherein the second plane of the ~~aforementioned second third, additional~~ compartment is elevated with regard relative to the first plane ~~where the first two compartments are located~~, and the height of said elevation is ~~the same as~~ half the width of the wider area of the two first compartments.

3. (Currently Amended) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to claim 1, wherein the relief is formed by at least two rows each comprised of sets of compartments.
4. (Previously Presented) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to claim 3, wherein the first parallel compartments in each set of compartments have different rows laid out symmetrically.
5. (Previously Presented) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to the claim 3, wherein the first compartments in each set of compartments have different rows in the same direction.
6. (Previously Presented) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to claim 1, wherein the surface of the rack is manufactured in a laminate material.
7. (Currently Amended) The rack for horizontally supporting and storing bottles according to claim 1, wherein the upper relief configuration also defines a corresponding lower relief configuration that allows another rack to be enclosed between the upper and lower reliefs and to allow further such racks to be stacked one on another.